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**ANNUAL REPORT**

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

UPON THE  
SANITARY CONDITION OF THE DISTRICT  
DURING THE YEAR 1945.

# TO THE RAMSEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council.

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the sanitary conditions of the district for the year ending 31st December, 1945.

## STAFF :

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH (TEMPORARY)  
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## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

### Live Births.

|                                |     |     |     |      |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Birth Rate per 1000 population | ... | ... | ... | 20.1 |
| England and Wales              | ... | ... | ... | 16.1 |

### Still Births.

|                          |     |     |     |     |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Rate per 1000 population | ... | ... | ... | .56 |
| England and Wales        | ... | ... | ... | 46  |

### Deaths.

|                                |     |     |     |      |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Death Rate per 1000 population | ... | ... | ... | 10.3 |
| England and Wales              | ... | ... | ... | 11.4 |

### Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :—

|                                   |     |     |     |      |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| All infants per 1,000 live births | ... | ... | ..  | Nil. |
| England and Wales                 | ... | ... | ... | 46   |

## CAUSES OF DEATH.

|  |     |     |     |     |     |     | M         | F         |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|-----------|
| Tuberculosis of Respiratory System       | ... | ... |     |     |     |     | 2         | 0         |
| Cancer                                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2         | 4         |
| Diabetes                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |           | 2         |
| Cerebral Hæmorrhage...                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5         | 5         |
| Heart Disease                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7         | 8         |
| Other Diseases of the Circulatory System | ... |     |     |     |     |     | 2         | 1         |
| Bronchitis                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |           | 2         |
| Appendicitis                             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1         |           |
| Other Digestive Diseases                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |           | 1         |
| Nephritis                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1         |           |
| Road Traffic Accidents                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3         |           |
| Other Violent Causes                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1         |           |
| All Other Causes                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2         | 6         |
| <b>All Causes</b>                        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | <b>26</b> | <b>29</b> |



## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

The provision of health service within the area generally remains unaltered.

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

No undertakings of any importance have been carried out during the past twelve months and generally the circumstances are unaltered.

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The routine visits of inspection in connection with this work have been carried out as in the past years.

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### TO THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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SIR.

I beg to submit my report for the year ending 31st December, 1945.

|   |     |     |                                  |     |
|---|-----|-----|----------------------------------|-----|
| Total number of Inspections made          | ... | ... | ...                              | 135 |
| Total number of Notices served            | ... | ... | ...                              | 5   |
| ( Informal 4 Statutory 1 )                |     |     |                                  |     |
| Complaints received ...                   | ... | ... | Total No. of ...                 | 35  |
| Premises, houses, etc. ...                | ... | ... | No. inspected ...                | 87  |
|   |     |     | Nuisances abated                 | 41  |
| Pool, ditch, gutter, watercourse ...      | ... | ... | No. inspected ...                | 16  |
|   |     |     | Nuisances abated                 | 21  |
| Animals improperly kept ...               | ... | ... | No. inspected ...                | -   |
|   |     |     | Nuisances abated                 | -   |
| Privy, urinal, cesspool, ashpit ...       | ... | ... | No. inspected ...                | 21  |
|   |     |     | Nuisances abated                 | 4   |
| Drain, Drain-traps, etc., etc. ...        | ... | ... | No. inspected ...                | 36  |
|   |     |     | Nuisances abated                 | -   |
| House, or part thereof, overcrowded       |     |     | No. inspected ...                | 4   |
|   |     |     | Nuisances abated                 | -   |
| Smoke nuisances ...                       | ... | ... | No. of observations              | -   |
|   |     |     | Nuisances abated                 | -   |
| Offensive accumulations ...               | ... | ... | No. inspected ...                | 1   |
|   |     |     | Nuisances abated                 | 1   |
| Other sanitary conditions ...             | ... | ... | No. inspected ...                | 16  |
|   |     |     | Nuisances abated                 | -   |
| Slaughter houses ...                      | ... | ... | No. licensed ...                 | 6   |
|   |     |     | No. of inspections               | -   |
| Offensive trades (Public Health Act 1936) |     |     | No. established...               | -   |
|   |     |     | No. of inspections               | -   |
| Public Health Act, 1936 ...               | ... | ... | No. houses condemned             | -   |
|   |     |     | No. closed ...                   | -   |
|   |     |     | No. cleaned and<br>limewashed... | -   |

|   |  |  |  |  |    |
|---|--|--|--|--|----|
|   |  |  |  | Houses affected with<br>Scarlet Fever,                 | 9  |
|   |  |  |  | Houses inspected                                       | 9  |
|   |  |  |  | No. of inspections                                     | 9  |
|   |  |  |  | Houses disinfected                                     | 9  |
| Infectious Disease ... ..                                     |  |  |  | Schools „  | -  |
|   |  |  |  | Disinfectant used S.O <sub>2</sub> +<br>Formaldehyde   |    |
|   |  |  |  | Lots of clothing<br>Disinfected ...                    | 2  |
|   |  |  |  | Lots of clothing<br>destroyed ...                      | -  |
|   |  |  |  |  |    |
| Food—seizures of unwholesome                                  |  |  |  | No. of ... ..  | 35 |
| Privy Middens ... ..  |  |  |  | New provided ...                                       | -  |
|   |  |  |  | No. repaired ...                                       | -  |
|   |  |  |  | No. converted to pails                                 | -  |
|   |  |  |  | No. converted to W.C.'s                                | 1  |
| Pail or earth closets ... ..                                  |  |  |  | New provided ...                                       | 2  |
|   |  |  |  | No. converted to W.C.'s                                | 4  |
| Water closets... ..   |  |  |  | New provided ...                                       | 7  |
|   |  |  |  | No. supplied with water                                | 7  |
| Ashpits ... ..  |  |  |  | New provided ...                                       | -  |
|   |  |  |  | No. converted to<br>Ashbins ...                        | -  |
| Ashbins ... ..  |  |  |  | New provided ...                                       | -  |
|   |  |  |  | Samples taken for<br>analysis                          | 50 |
|   |  |  |  | Samples condemned                                      | 1  |
|   |  |  |  | Wells closed ...                                       | -  |
|   |  |  |  | Wells cleansed,<br>repaired, etc....                   | -  |
| Water supply ... ..   |  |  |  | Public supply sub-<br>stituted for well<br>or pond ... | 4  |
|   |  |  |  | Cisterns cleansed,<br>repaired, covered                | -  |
|   |  |  |  | Waste pipes dis-<br>connected from drain               | -  |
|   |  |  |  |  |    |
| Housing, Act 1936 ... ..                                      |  |  |  | No. houses closed                                      | -  |
|   |  |  |  | „ „ made habitable                                     | 1  |
|   |  |  |  | „ „ demolished   | -  |
| Building Bye Laws adopted ... ..                              |  |  |  |  | -  |
| Total Legal Proceedings, <i>i.e.</i> , Summonses, etc. ... .. |  |  |  |  | -  |
| Convictions ... ..  |  |  |  |  | -  |

# DAIRIES, COWSHEDS & MILKSHOPS ORDER.

Dairymen, Cowkeepers and Purveyors of Milk (Milk Sellers)–

|  |     |     |     |     |    |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| No. in District  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8  |
| No. Registered   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8  |
| No. of Inspections of Premises...                                |     |     | ... | ... | 16 |
| No. of Inspections during Milking Time                           |     |     |     | ... | —  |
| No. of Premises requiring Whitewashing,<br>Cleansing, etc.       | ... | ... | ... | ... | —  |
| No. of Premises requiring Structural or Sanitary<br>Improvements | ... | ... | ... | ... | —  |

Premises with Well Water Supply—

|                                   |     |     |     |     |     |   |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| No. of                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| No. of, from which water analysed |     |     |     | ... | ... | — |

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## PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

### NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

The following infectious diseases were notified:

|               |    |                |   |
|---------------|----|----------------|---|
| Scarlet Fever | 9  | Whooping Cough | 1 |
| Measles ...   | 16 | Pneumonia ...  | 4 |
| Puerperal     |    | Jaundice ..    | 6 |
| Pyrexia ...   | 1  |                |   |

# TUBERCULOSIS.

| Age Periods       | NEW CASES   |    |                 |    | DEATHS      |    |                 |    |
|-------------------|-------------|----|-----------------|----|-------------|----|-----------------|----|
|                   | Respiratory |    | Non Respiratory |    | Respiratory |    | Non Respiratory |    |
|                   | M.          | F. | M.              | F. | M.          | F. | M.              | F. |
| 0                 | —           | —  | —               | —  | —           | —  | —               | —  |
| 1                 | —           | —  | —               | —  | —           | —  | —               | —  |
| 5                 | —           | —  | 1               | —  | —           | —  | —               | —  |
| 15                | —           | —  | —               | —  | 1           | —  | —               | —  |
| 25                | 3           | 1  | —               | —  | 1           | —  | —               | —  |
| 35                | —           | —  | —               | —  | —           | —  | —               | —  |
| 45                | —           | —  | —               | —  | —           | —  | —               | —  |
| 55                | —           | —  | —               | —  | —           | —  | —               | —  |
| 65<br>and upwards | —           | —  | —               | —  | —           | —  | —               | —  |
| Total             | 3           | 1  | 1               | —  | 2           | —  | —               | —  |

No action was found to be necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925 in connection with persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936, which deals with the Compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

ALAN E. STAFFURTH,

*Medical Officer of Health*

